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Central Valley Project Improvement Act's Habitat Restoration Program

The Mid-Pacific Region's Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Habitat Restoration Program, works with government and private partners to provide funding for projects to benefit federally listed and other special status terrestrial species whose habitats have been affected by land conversion due, in part, to the delivery of CVP water.

In 2010, the HRP provided nearly \$900,000 for research and to acquire and/or restore nearly 2,100 acres of habitat for federally listed species affected by the CVP.

Funds were provided to:

- Purchase 640 acres of Peppergrass Flat at the Elgorriaga Ranch in Fresno County. The acquisition will permanently protect habitats for the federally endangered San Joaquin kit fox, giant kangaroo rat, San Joaquin woolly threads, and other rare endemic species of the Panoche Hills region.
- Restore riparian habitats on 18 acres along nearly two miles of the San Joaquin River at the San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge. The restoration will benefit the riparian brush rabbit, riparian woodrat, and other riparian dependent species. The project will also provide critical high ground for the riparian brush rabbit, an endangered species whose recovery is threatened by loss during high river flows.
- Restore 30 acres of native chaparral at the Pine Hill Preserve in El Dorado County. The project will restore habitats for the endangered El Dorado bedstraw and Pine Hill flannelbush. The preserve also supports federally listed plant species unique to the soils of the area.
- Map vernal pools in parts of the Central Valley to provide information for the recovery of the vernal pool fairy shrimp, vernal pool tadpole shrimp, mid-valley fairy shrimp, succulent owl's clover, and other vernal pool species.